IN THE CLAIMS

No claims are amended. Claims 22 and 23 are added. All pending claims are reproduced below.

1   1.   (original) A computer implemented method, comprising:

2   accepting a posting on a website of a project that a buyer wants completed;

3   receiving a bid on the project from a seller;

4   allowing the buyer to accept the received bid from the seller; and

5   allowing the buyer and the seller to work on the project in a collaborative workspace
6   accessible by only the buyer and the seller.

1   2.   (original) The computer implemented method of claim 1, wherein the posting includes a
2   project name.

1   3.   (original) The computer implemented method of claim 1, wherein the posting includes a
2   project description.

1   4.   (original) The computer implemented method of claim 1, wherein the posting includes a
2   category.

1   5.   (original) The computer implemented method of claim 1, wherein the posting includes a
2   price estimate.

1   6.   (original) The computer implemented method of claim 1, wherein the bid is received in a
2   closed auction.

1   7.   (original) The computer implemented method of claim 1, wherein the bid is received in
2   an open auction.

1   8.   (original) The computer implemented method of claim 1, wherein the bid is received in a
2   Dutch auction.

1   9.   (original) The computer implemented method of claim 1, wherein the collaborative

2   workspace includes:

3   one or more communication tools;

4   a file structure;

5   one or more workbenches; and

6   one or more project management tools.

1   10.   (original) The computer implemented method of claim 9, wherein the file structure

2   includes at least one private folder.

1   11.   (original) The computer implemented method of claim 9, wherein the file structure

2   includes at least one shared folder.

12.   (original) A computer implemented method, comprising:

        accepting on a website, the posting of a service offering by a seller;

        receiving requirements for the service offering from a buyer;

        returning an optimized list of service offerings to the buyer in accordance with the

5   buyer's requirements; and

6   accepting a purchase request for the service offering from the buyer.

1   13.   (original) The computer implemented method of claim 12, wherein at least one of the

2   buyer's requirements is inflexible.

1   14.   (original) The computer implemented method of claim 12, wherein the optimized list

2   includes service offerings that meet all of the buyer's requirements.

1   15.   (original) The computer implemented method of claim 12, wherein the optimized list

2   includes service offerings that meet a subset of the buyer's requirements.

1   16.   (original) A computer implemented method, comprising:

2   accepting on a website, the posting of a service offering for a project by a seller;

3   receiving requirements for the service offering from a buyer;

4   accepting a purchase request for the service offering from the buyer; and

5   allowing the buyer and the seller to work on the project in a collaborative workspace

6   accessible by only the buyer and the seller.

1   17.   (original) In a computer system, an apparatus used by a buyer and seller for buying and

2   selling services over a network, comprising:

3   a web server for connecting to the network;

4   an application connected to the web server for generating information based on

5   communication with the buyer and seller;

        a database connected to the application for storing information received from the

7   application in memory.

1   18.   (original) A computer-implemented method for the using of an on-line services

2   marketplace by a buyer comprising:

3   posting a project on a website;

4   receiving via the website a bid on the project from a seller;

5   accepting the bid via the website; and

6   working on the project with the seller in a collaborative workspace.

1   19.   (original) A computer-implemented method for the using of an on-line services

2   marketplace by a seller comprising:

3   posting a service offering on a website;

4   receiving a purchase request for the service offering from a buyer;

5   accepting the purchase request via the website; and

6   working on the project with the buyer in a collaborative workspace.

1   20.   (original) A computer-implemented method for the using of an on-line services

2   marketplace by a seller comprising:

3   placing a bid on a project posted by a buyer on a website;

4   receiving via the website an acceptance of the bid by the buyer; and

5   working on the project with the buyer in a collaborative workspace.

21. (original) A computer-implemented method for the using of an on-line services marketplace by a buyer comprising:

making a purchase request for a service offering posted by a seller on a website;

receiving via the website an acceptance of the purchase request by the seller; and

working on the project with the seller in a collaborative workspace.

22. (new) The computer-implemented method of claim 12, wherein the buyer does not take part in generating the optimized list.

23. (new) The computer-implemented method of claim 12, wherein the seller does not take part in generating the optimized list.